AS I LAY ON MY BED IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT, ALONE...

...YOUR VOICE WAS MY SOLE SOLACE.

I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ONE MORE TIME.

THERE IS SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU.

Masakuni Igarashi
Tune In to
Finding the girl behind the voice.
the Midnight Heart

K MANGA
by KODANSHA

2-9

UH, EVERYBOPDY... EVERYBODY, AS YOU ALL KNOW...

DONG

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...AND BECOME A CO-ED SCHOOL THIS YEAR.

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SMILE

...OUR FURIN GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL WILL MERGE WITH FURIN BOYS HIGH SCHOOL...

LET'S START WITH THE BOYS ON THE LEFT...

BAM

SEN-SEI!

そわ

FIDGET

I KNOW IT CAN BE HARD TO ADJUST TO HAVING BOYS IN YOUR CLASS, BUT DO TRY TO GET ALONG WITH THEM.

ALL RIGHT, IT'S A NEW SCHOOL TERM, SO WHY DON'T WE ALL INTRODUCE OURSELVES?

FIDGET

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FIDGET

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THAT MEANS YOUR SPEECH IS IMPERFECT!

YOU NEED TO START OVER!

WHY DID YOU SAY "EVERYBOPDY" AT THE BEGINNING?

DID YOU TRIP OVER YOUR WORDS OR SOMETHING?

UH, SORRY? I HONESTLY THOUGHT NO ONE WOULD CARE...

I BELIEVE YOUR NAME IS... UH...

YAMA-BUKI.

I KNOW I MIGHT BE A BIT TOO PERFECT FOR YOU...

...BUT I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR TUTELAGE NONETHE-LESS!

ARISU YAMABUKI! AS A SCION OF THE YAMABUKI GROUP, WHO CARRIES JAPAN'S FUTURE ON HIS SHOULDERS...

...PERFECTION IS ONE OF MY COMMITMENTS!

ALSO, MY FAVORITE FOOD IS PEACH.

WELL, YOU ALREADY WALTZED UP HERE, SO WHY DON'T YOU CARRY ON AND INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO THE CLASS?

You sure like to talk...

O-OH, YOU MUST BE THE ONE FROM THE RUMORS...

CHATTER

TO LOOK FOR THAT MISSING 1%, I'LL NEED SOME HELP FROM THE GIRLS.

NOW THEN...

YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SEE IT, BUT I'M STILL ONLY 99% PERFECT.

How do we even see that?

SMILE

FWP

I'D BE BEYOND HONORED TO DO SO.

...I'D LIKE YOU GIRLS TO TAKE TURNS...

...AND SAY "I LOVE YOU" TO ME.

WAY TO GO, MAN! THAT WAS THE WORST INTRODUC-TION IN HUMAN HISTORY!

God damn it!

YAMA-BUKI!

WE FINALLY GOT TO INTERACT WITH GIRLS, BUT YOU HAD TO GO AND BLOW IT!

WHISPER

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YOU GOTTA STOP SAYING THAT EVERY TIME YOU RUN INTO A GIRL!

THANKS TO YOU, THE GIRLS ARE ALL GIVING US FUNNY LOOKS!

SWAY

SWAY

HEY. YOU'RE ARISU YAMABUKI-KUN, RIGHT?

...

IT'S HIS FAULT, YET HE GAVE A PERFECT REPLY THAT SHOWED WISDOM AND HOPE FOR THE FUTURE!

STILL, ADVERSITY BUILDS CHARACTER. AM I RIGHT?

THE YAMABUKI GROUP IS FILTHY RICH, RIGHT?
SO, WHAT WAS THAT "I LOVE YOU" STUFF ALL ABOUT?
IS THIS MISSING 1% YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A GIRL-FRIEND?
IN THAT CASE, CAN I VOLUNTEER TO BE YOUR GIRLFRIEND?
FURIN GIRLS ARE SOMETHING ELSE!
DAMN IT! THEY STILL FLOCK TO YAMABUKI ANYWAY!
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WHOAAAA
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ガタッ
CLATTER
EEP?! THIS IS WAY TOO SUDDEN!
I MEAN, I'M TOTALLY READY FOR ANY-THING!
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DA-DUMP
ドキ
DA-DUMP
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STAAARE

IT DOESN'T HAVE THE SAME KIND OF CARRYING POWER...

SORRY, BUT IT'S BATHROOM TIME FOR ME!

BATH-ROOM TIME?!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

A girl talked to us!

WELL...

YOU GUYS WERE IN THE SAME CLASS AS HIM, RIGHT? WHAT IS HIS DEAL?

GURGLEEE

GURGLE

GURGLE

GURGLE

MY INTESTINAL FLORA IS PERFECT...

SO I HAVE A CALL OF NATURE AT A SPECIFIC TIME EVERY DAY! QUITE A PERK, IS IT NOT?

THAT'S A PERK?

GURGLE

GURGLEEE

Whoa, for real? By the way...

OH? WHAT'S SHE LIKE?

HE'S LOOKING FOR THIS ONE GIRL, YOU SEE.

SQUEE

SQUEE

WE'VE BEEN HIS CLASSMATES SINCE EIGHTH GRADE.

HE'S ALWAYS ACTED THAT WAY WITH GIRLS.

It's not the same kind of edge...

WHAT? HE'S LOOKING FOR A GIRL WHOSE FACE HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW?

HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT SHE LOOKS LIKE.

WHAT HE'S SEARCHING FOR...

...IS HER VOICE.

TWITCH

RING-A-TING

RING-A-TING

RING-A-TING

10 SECONDS AGO

MOM

I GOT A PERM!
I'LL SEND YOU A PIC.

...

CREAK

VOOSH

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

SETTING THAT SOUND EFFECT...

AS THE NOTIFICATION SOUND REALLY ISN'T GOOD FOR MY HEART...

IT'S JUST A TEXT FROM MOM...

RING-A-TING

RING-A-TING

RING-A-TING

12-YEAR-OLD ARISU.

FIDGET

FIDGET

BACK IN MIDDLE SCHOOL ...

RING-A-TING

RING-A-TING

FWIP

IT'S HERE!

...MY ONLY JOY...

...WAS A RADIO SHOW HOSTED BY A GIRL WHO WENT BY "APOLLO."

Apollo

APOLLO HAS STARTED BROADCASTING MIDNIGHT HEART TUNE

LIVE

WELCOME TO MIDNIGHT HEART TUNE!

YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT HAPPENED AT MY SCHOOL TODAY...

SHE BARELY HAD ANY LISTENERS ...

...AND A LOT OF THE TIMES, IT WAS JUST A CONVO BETWEEN THE TWO OF US.

AT 12 A.M. EVERY NIGHT.

WE'D HAVE THIS SILLY CONVO ...

SHE ALWAYS ENDED HER BROADCAST WITH THE SAME MESSAGE.

OH, LOOK AT THE TIME! I'LL HAVE TO END MY BROADCAST HERE.

IT WAS ALL PART OF HER SHOW, OF COURSE. SHE WASN'T SAYING THOSE WORDS FOR ME ALONE...

SO DO TUNE IN AND HANG OUT WITH ME AGAIN TOMORROW!

I'M ALWAYS GIVING THIS BROADCAST 100% EVERY DAY...

MY DEAR LISTENERS...

THANK YOU, AND GOOD NIGHT!

...BUT THEY MEANT A LOT TO ME...

...I LOVE YOU.

VOOSH
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AH HA HA HA!
THAT'S WHAT YOU WANTED ME TO SAY, ISN'T IT?

GRIN

DON'T YOU NEED TO USE...

...THE BATH-ROOM?

WHO ARE YOU?

TMP

BREAK TIME WILL BE OVER SOON.

TMP

NOOO! I FOR-GOT!

A YAMABUKI WOULD NEVER SOIL HIMSELF! NEVEEER!

WHOA, WHAT IS WRONG WITH THAT GUY?!

W-WAIT! TELL ME YOUR NAME!

YOU SURE YOU WANT TO STAIN YOUR PANTS?

GURGLEEEE

CAFETERIA
CHATTER
DID ANY GIRL TALK TO YOU?
...
SAME HERE.
THEY WERE LOOKING AT ME LIKE I WAS WALKING GARBAGE.
NOPE.
HEY, THAT CAN BE A REWARD IN ITSELF.
MURMUR
CHATTER
MURMUR
HER VOICE...
WAS PRETTY SIMILAR TO APOLLO'S... I THINK.
BUT I'M NOT SURE IF IT'S HER.
SHE CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD, AND MY CALL OF NATURE WAS AT ITS LOUDEST.
BESIDES, HER LAST BROADCAST WAS MORE THAN THREE YEARS AGO...
THE FACT IS THAT MY MEMORIES OF HER VOICE HAVE GROWN HAZY.
DAMN IT! I WANT TO HEAR HER VOICE AGAIN!
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
What is his deal?
He's just being weird like usual.
BEEP

BAP

BOOP

THIS IS THE BROADCASTING CLUB! WE'LL BE DOING THE NOON ANNOUNCEMENT.

LET'S ALL HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR TOGETHER!

YAY

YAY

YAY

YAY

THE BOYS' BROADCAST-ING CLUB WAS PRETTY MUCH DEAD LAST YEAR.

THIS IS SO REFRESHING! WE'RE HAVING AN ACTUAL BROADCAST!

OOH! A GIRL'S VOICE IS COMING FROM THE SPEAKER!

WE CAN AT LEAST COUNT THIS AS A PLUS FOR GOING CO-ED, HUH, YAMABUKI?

WHO CARES? THE GIRL'S VOICE IS CUTE!

THE SOUND QUALITY KIND OF SUCKS, THOUGH?

THEIR EQUIPMENT MUST BE REALLY ANCIENT.

H-HEY! WHAT ABOUT YOUR LUNCH?!

DASH

SORRY, BUT SOMETHING CAME UP AND I MUST LEAVE!

CLATTER

WELL, NEITHER WOULD ANYONE ELSE, REALLY!

WORRY NOT! I'M NOT SO FEEBLE THAT I'D DIE FROM SKIPPING ONE MEASLY MEAL!

BZZT

BZZT

WE'LL WORK OUT THE DETAILS DURING THE MEETING BETWEEN THE CLUB PRESIDENTS...

BZZT

BZZT

DUE TO OUR SCHOOLS MERGING, WE'LL BE REVAMPING OUR CLUB ACTIVITIES.

APOLLO ABRUPTLY ENDED HER SHOW WHEN I FINISHED SEVENTH GRADE.

HER ARCHIVE WAS ALSO DELETED, TAKING WITH IT ANY CLUE I COULD HAVE USED TO TRACK HER DOWN... HOWEVER...

BASED ON OUR PAST CONVOS, I WAS ABLE TO SURMISE THAT SHE WAS A STUDENT!

I ALSO CONFIRMED THAT SHE'S IN THE SAME GRADE AND LIVES IN THE SAME PREFECTURE AS ME!

SHE ALSO SAID...

...SHE'D LIKE TO GO TO AN ALL-GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL WITH A GOOD VIEW OF THE SEA!

AROUND HERE

...I CAN SAY THAT THE SCHOOL (FORMERLY) KNOWN AS FURIN GIRLS IS THE CLOSEST TO THE SEA!

AND UPON CLOSE INVESTIGATION OF EVERY ALL-GIRLS SCHOOL IN THE AREA...

I GOT A ROUGH IDEA OF WHERE SHE MIGHT BE BASED ON THE SCOPE OF HER ACTIVITIES...

...

Miwa ha ha ha ha ha ha

MY GENIUS TRULY IS A FRIGHTENING THING!

ha ha

THAT'S WHY I CHOSE TO GO HERE INSTEAD OF A PREP SCHOOL!

I ALSO CAUGHT WIND THAT IT'D MERGE WITH FURIN BOYS.

ha ha

GRAB

MY MISSING 1%...

...IS YOUR...

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KA-CHAK

BROADCASTING ROOM (TEMP.)

THERE IS SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU.

I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ONE MORE TIME.

THUD

S-SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR BROAD-CAST.

THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU...

HUFFF

HEY!!!

CRACKLE

YOU CAN'T JUST WALK IN HERE WHILE WE'RE BROADCAST-ING!

LOOK

LET'S TURN OFF THE MIC FOR NOW.

BA-DUMP

BA-DUMP

BA-DUMP

WHAT? ARE WE GONNA START OVER AGAIN?

OH?

IT'S THE GUY WHO ALMOST SOILED HIMSELF IN THE HALLWAY.

YOU KNOW HIM, RIKKA-CHAN?

ARE YOU OKAY? YOU HIT YOUR HEAD AND ALL...

THIS IS EXACTLY WHY I WAS SO AGAINST THE CO-ED THING!

THE GIRL I MET IN THE HALLWAY... REALLY DOES SOUND LIKE APOLLO!

THE THING IS...

SHEE

I'M SORRY! I LET MY EMOTIONS GET THE BETTER OF ME!

THE GIRL WITH BRAIDED HAIR HAS THE SAME TYPE OF VOICE!

THE INTONATION AND PRONUN-CIATION OF THE BLACK-HAIRED GIRL IN THE BACK DO SOUND FAMILIAR...

...IS JUST LIKE WHEN SHE SPOKE IN A HUSHED VOICE SO THAT HER PARENTS WOULDN'T NOTICE!

THE WAY THE WHITE-HAIRED ONE IN THE MIDDLE SPEAKS SO SOFTLY...

DAMN IT! I DIDN'T THINK I'D BE SO UNCERTAIN JUST BECAUSE I HAVEN'T HEARD HER VOICE IN THREE YEARS!

AND THE GIRL WITH PIGTAILS HAS THE SAME ANGRY VOICE!

...ALL OF THEM...

...SOUND SIMILAR TO HER!

BAAAM

EVEN A YAMABUKI LIKE ME COULD HAVE NEVER FORESEEN THIS! WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE?

...SINCE YOU'RE HERE...

SO...

...DOES THAT MEAN YOU WANT TO GO PRO, TOO?

NO ENTRY

GO PRO?

WHAT-EVER DO YOU MEAN?

FLAP

WE ALL WANT TO PURSUE A CAREER WITH OUR VOICES.

THE CURRENT FURIN GIRLS' BROADCASTING CLUB IS RESERVED SPECIFICALLY FOR PEOPLE LIKE US.

HUH? WHY ARE YOU EVEN HERE IF YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THIS CLUB?

WHAT?

YES!

VOICE PROFES-SION-ALS...

I WANT...
...TO BECOME A SINGER.
YOU CAN TELL I ASPIRE TO BE A VOICE ACTRESS JUST FROM MY VOICE, CAN'T YOU?
MY DREAM... IS TO BE A VTUBER.
I'M PLANNING TO BE AN ANNOUNCER!

YOUR DREAM?

I WANT TO GET A VOICE-RELATED JOB.

A VOICE-RELATED JOB? LIKE WHAT?

THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF JOBS OUT THERE, BUT I HAVEN'T DECIDED YET.

CAN I TALK ABOUT MY DREAM TONIGHT?

FOR START-ERS...

BECOMING A SINGER ISN'T A BAD CHOICE, EITHER.

I THINK VTUBING WILL GROW EVEN BIGGER IN THE FUTURE, TOO.

...AND AN-NOUNCERS.

...THERE ARE VOICE ACTORS...

I'M SURE YOU CAN DO IT, APOLLO.

HEE HEE. THANK YOU.

IN THAT CASE, I'LL...

OOOH!

I'VE HEARD OF YOU. YOU'RE FROM CLASS 2-C, RIGHT?

Hmm..

UH, WHAT WAS IT AGAIN?

RUMOR HAS IT THAT YOU SAID SOME *CRAZY* STUFF DURING YOUR INTRO!

SHINOBU UZUKI (2-D)

KICK

TH-THAT IS NOT WHAT I SAID!

"PLEASE BE MY BEDMATE AND BEAR MY CHILD," I BELIEVE!

WHAT THE HELL? YOU'RE A TOTAL CREEP!

I BET YOU'RE HERE TO PREY ON US, TOO!

NENE HIMEKAWA (2-A)

THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL! I'M JUST HERE TO SEE SOMEONE!

I CAN JUST TELL YOU HAVE A TON OF DICK PICS STORED IN THE CLOUD.

YOU EVEN HAVE THE FACE OF A DEGENERATE.

WOULD THAT BE ME?

IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I LAST TALKED TO A BOY IN PERSON.

BEING SHY IS PART OF MY CHARACTER, YOU SEE.

IKO KIRINO
(2-B)

OH, I KNOW.

SORRY, BUT IT'S NOT YOU...

Ah ha ha ha!

I'M JUST MESSING WITH YOU!

WHISPER

YOU'RE HERE...

RIKKA INOHANA (2-B)

...TO SEE ME, RIGHT?

I SWEAR ON THE YAMABUKI NAME THAT I DON'T HAVE ANY UNSAVORY MOTIVE.

I'M HERE TO SEE YOU.

YEAH.

WANT TO HEAR YOUR VOICE AGAIN.

OH...

O-

IF ANYONE HERE...

I JUST NEED TO ASK YOU ALL DIRECTLY.

I DIDN'T FORESEE THIS SITU-ATION, BUT IT'S NO MATTER.

...IS APOLLO, RAISE YOUR HAND!

IT CAN'T BE... APOLLO ISN'T AMONG THEM?!

NO, BASED ON THEIR VOICES, ONE OF THEM HAS TO BE HER.

WHICH MEANS...

HUH?!

WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT?

I LOVE THAT CHOCOLATE! ♡

WHO?

THE CHOCO-LATE*?

*THE APOLLO CHOCOLATE PRODUCED BY THE MEIJI FOOD COMPANY IS A BRAND OF CHOCOLATE SHAPED LIKE THE APOLLO COMMAND MODULE.

APOLLO WANTS TO...

...CONCEAL HER IDENTITY?!

I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED THEM DIRECTLY! THAT WAS A MAJOR BLUNDER!

DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH HER ENDING HER SHOW OUT OF NOWHERE?!

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CHAK

I'LL HAVE PLENTY OF CHANCES TO UNCOVER WHO APOLLO IS LATER...

THIS IS FINE. I KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.

WE NEED TO RESTART OUR BROADCAST, SO CAN YOU GET OUT?

O-OKAY.

WE'LL BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF YOU IF YOU LAY A FINGER ON OUR IDOLS!

RAGH

ARE YOU EVEN A MEMBER OF THE CLUB?

RAGH

YOU ALL SAW A BOY WALKING IN, TOO, DIDN'T YOU?!

RAGH

I KNEW HE WAS IN HERE!

Heh.

バタン

TUNK

RAGH

Let's drag him out!

RAGH

Tear his limbs off and throw him into a bonfire!

WE'RE ACTUALLY QUITE POPULAR AMONG THE GIRLS.

WE EVEN HAVE OUR OWN FAN CLUBS! SO...

I GUESS YOU BOYS WOULDN'T KNOW.

What is their deal?

UH, THERE'S AN ANGRY MOB OUTSIDE.

I-I'VE COMMITTED A FATAL ERROR!

...TODAY'S THE LAST DAY YOU CAN GO ANYWHERE NEAR US! ♡

I WANT TO GET A VOICE-RELATED JOB.

WAIT! I...

SHOVE

NO! IF I LEAVE NOW, I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO APPROACH THEM AGAIN!

I MUST HEAR MORE OF THEIR VOICES, AND IN PERSON!

SHOVE

W-WAIT ...

ALL RIGHT, GET YOUR BUTT OUTTA HERE!

SHOVE

SHOVE

SHOVE

YOU'RE JUST LYING BECAUSE YOU WANT TO STAY IN THIS PARADISE.

I'M NOT LYING!

I KNOW A LOT ABOUT VOICE WORK!

I-IN OTHER WORDS, I'M ALSO A PRO!

THUS, I HAVE THE RIGHT TO JOIN THIS CLUB!

I'VE SPENT MORE TIME STUDYING UP ON IT THAN ANYONE ELSE!

I'M SURE YOU CAN DO IT, APOLLO.

HEE HEE. THANK YOU.

IN THAT CASE, I'LL...

...LEARN ALL I CAN AND OBTAIN *PERFECT* KNOWLEDGE ABOUT VOICE WORK...

SO THAT I CAN HELP YOU OUT WITH YOUR JOB!

THE PROOF...

IS THAT I'VE NOTICED THIS CLUB HAS A FATAL FLAW!

WELL... YOU'RE NOT WRONG.

THIS SCHOOL IS PRETTY OLD.

WHO CARES? THE GIRL'S VOICE IS CUTE!

THE SOUND QUALITY KIND OF SUCKS, THOUGH?

THEIR EQUIPMENT MUST BE REALLY ANCIENT.

IT'S THE EQUIPMENT!

I WAS FRANKLY SHOCKED WHEN I HEARD YOU GIRLS WANTED TO GO PRO!

DURING YOUR ANNOUNCEMENT, THERE WAS SO MUCH NOISE I COULDN'T BEAR TO LISTEN TO IT!

...I'LL GIFT YOU ALL WITH NEW EQUIPMENT!

IF YOU LET ME JOIN THIS CLUB...

SO, HOW ABOUT THIS?

*ABOUT $10,000.

...

OH, AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT MONEY.

I MADE ABOUT A MILLION YEN* IN THE STOCK MARKET LAST MONTH.

HAVING MORE MAN-POWER MAKES THINGS EASIER FOR US, TOO.

BUT NEW EQUIPMENT WOULD BE A BOON FOR US!

A-ARE YOU FINE WITH THIS, RIKKA?!

YOU'RE JUST GONNA TAKE THE BAIT?!

AWESOME! WE'D BE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU!

HEEEY! WHO DIED AND MADE YOU PRESIDENT ?!

RIKKA IS OUR PRESI-DENT!

THUMP

THANK YOU.

I'LL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER AS THE PRESIDENT TO HELP YOU ALL.

OH!

I KNOW THERE'S ONE THING HE WANTS.

HUH?

YEAH, WE HAVE TO RETURN THE FAVOR SOMEHOW.

WHAT COULD A WELL-OFF BOY LIKE HIM POSSI-BLY WANT, THOUGH?

BUT I FEEL SO BAD ABOUT USING HIS MONEY.

OKAY, CAN YOU TURN AROUND FOR A SEC?

WHISPER

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YOU'RE NOT PRANKING ME, ARE YOU?

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GULP

IT DOESN'T COST YOU ANYTHING TO SAY IT.

WHAAAT?! NO! NOT ON MY LIFE!

I DON'T REALLY MIND.

WOULD THIS BE A GOOD ENOUGH REWARD FOR HIM?

I LOVE YOU...
...YAMA-BUKI-KUN!

I FELT SICK SAYING THAT! WHAT THE HELL?

ISN'T THIS JUST WHAT YOU WANT US TO SAY?

WH-WHAT'D YOU SAY THAT FOR?!

MY HEART WAS RACING...

HE WAS SO SHOCKED, HE RAN AWAY!

HE RAN AWAY!

A-ANYWAY, I HAVEN'T EATEN LUNCH, SO I NEED TO GO!

...

TUNK

BWAM

I DIDN'T EXPECT I'D BE ABLE TO MEET APOLLO AGAIN LIKE THIS...

I ACTUALLY CONSIDERED GIVING UP MY SEARCH...

IF I CAN MEET YOU AGAIN...

THERE IS ONE THING I'D LIKE TO TELL YOU.

LOOKS LIKE IT'S JUST YOU AND ME AGAIN TODAY, ARISU.

THANK YOU FOR TUNING IN.

MY DEAR LISTENERS ...

...I LOVE YOU.

THANK YOU, APOLLO.

UH...

UM...

...

I LOVE YOU, TOO.

GOOD-NIGHT!

WILL YOU ALLOW ME...

...TO RETRACT THOSE WORDS I SAID BACK THEN?!

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PPP

BLUUUSH

GAAAH! JUST THINKING ABOUT IT MAKES ME CRINGE EVERY TIME!
I CONFESSED MY LOVE TO A GIRL WHOSE FACE I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW!
A PERFECT YAMABUKI ISN'T SUPPOSED TO COMMIT SUCH A BLUNDER!
HOW CAN A PATHETIC MAN WHO SHOWED WEAKNESS TO SOMEONE BE PERFECT?!
PANT
PANT
THOSE WHO INHERIT THE YAMABUKI NAME MUST FREE THEMSELVES OF ALL THEIR HANG-UPS!
IT'D BE MARVELOUS IF SHE ALREADY FORGOT...
...BUT IF SHE HAS A LOCAL COPY OF HER ARCHIVE, I'LL NEED TO HAVE THAT DELETED!
IT MIGHT BE USED AGAINST ME AFTER I MADE IT BIG IN THE WORLD!
BLUUSH
I MUST IDENTIFY APOLLO POSTHASTE!
HE JUST TOOK OFF LIKE A ROCKET.
OKAY, LET'S GET READY TO RESTART THE BROADCAST!

HIS EYES JUST HAVE "LECHER" WRITTEN ALL OVER THEM.

IS LETTING A BOY JOIN OUR CLUB REALLY A GOOD IDEA?

HE SEEMED LIKE AN UPSTANDING GUY TO ME.

I'D LOVE TO GET A NEW COMPUTER...

IT NEVER HURTS TO HAVE A RICH FRIEND OR TWO.

COME ON, GIRLS! THE BROADCAST WILL START SOON!

IT FELT LIKE MY HEART STOOD STILL FOR A MOMENT.

ARISU-KUN...

I COULD HAVE NEVER EXPECTED YOU'D COME SEE ME LIKE THIS.

I THOUGHT I WOULDN'T HEAR YOUR VOICE EVER AGAIN.

...BUT I REALLY ENJOYED THE ONE YEAR WE SPENT TOGETHER.

I'M SORRY I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT I'M APOLLO RIGHT NOW...

...YOUR VOICE WAS MY SOLE SOLACE.

AS I LAY ON MY BED IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT, ALONE...

I WAS ALWAYS LAMENTING HOW FEW LISTENERS I HAD...
...BUT THE TRUTH IS...
...JUST HEARING YOUR VOICE WAS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME.
I WAS HAPPY ENOUGH JUST BEING ABLE TO TALK TO YOU.
SORRY I TOOK SO LONG!
LUNCH BREAK IS ALMOST OVER, ARISU.
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PANT
PANT
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NATURALLY, I'M VERY ADEPT AT SPEED-EATING.
SST
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ONE MORE TIME.
THERE IS SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU.
TWITCH
RING-A-TING
RING-A-TING
JEEZ, MOM! I KNOW, OKAY?! YOU GOT A PERM!
SST
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CHAPTER 1: RE:START